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SEVEN NEW GED TEST SITES OPEN IN LOS ANGELES
LOCAL STUDENTS CAN NOW STUDY FOR AND TAKE THE GED TEST AT LACCD COLLEGES

WASHINGTON, DC — GED Testing Service and the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) have opened seven new GED test centers throughout Los Angeles County to improve student access. The new sites give students more convenient options to prepare for and take the GED test. All seven college locations also offer GED preparation classes and programs.

This is the first time since 2014 that students in Los Angeles County have had the option to enroll in GED preparation classes and take the GED test at multiple locations including:

- Los Angeles City College
- Los Angeles Trade - Technical College
- Los Angeles Harbor College
- Los Angeles Valley College
- Los Angeles Mission College
- West Los Angeles College
- Los Angeles Southwest College

LACCD, the largest community college district in California, has added these additional testing options as GED graduates are earning credentials and successfully pursuing and completing postsecondary education at increasing rates. Students taking GED preparation courses through LACCD adult education programs now have the added benefit of taking their test where they can later enroll in college courses.

"The opening of GED Testing Centers on our LACCD campuses expands testing opportunities in the Los Angeles area and is a much needed service for the community," said Adrienne Ann Mullen, Ed.D., Dean of Adult, Community & Continuing Education Programs & Services for the Los Angeles Community College District. "We're excited to welcome GED test-takers to our campuses and encourage them to view the GED test as the first step in their journey to the college degree and career of their dreams."

Recent research conducted by GED Testing Service found that 45% of GED grads enrolled in a college certificate or degree program within three years and 35% of GED grads do so within one year of earning a GED credential. GED graduates are not only enrolling in college at

higher rates but also staying enrolled with 90% of these grads re-enrolling from one semester to the next.

"We're excited to partner with LACCD to expand access to GED preparation and testing for adult learners in the Los Angeles area," said Randy Trask, president of GED Testing Service. "Given the recent outstanding outcomes of GED graduates in readiness and persistence in college programs, now is the perfect time for learners in L.A. to earn a GED credential, take the next step in their education, and be one step closer to better jobs and wages."

To reach current GED students and those interested in starting GED prep classes and the test, GED Testing Service has created flyers and posters in English and Spanish. This informational material will be posted throughout LACCD campuses and will be available to interested students.

Students can create a [GED.com](GED.com) user account to find a nearby test center and GED preparation program. More information about the GED test, the GED College Ready score levels and postsecondary outcomes can be found at GED.com.

About GED Testing Service
The GED test has opened doors to better jobs and college programs for more than 20 million graduates since 1942. The GED test is accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and employers. As the creator of the one official GED test, GED Testing Service has a responsibility to ensure that the program continues to be a reliable and valuable pathway to a better life for the millions of adults without a high school diploma. GED Testing Service is a joint venture between the American Council on Education and Pearson.